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**Sent:** 2/1/2019 6:52:58 PM  
**To:** Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Former Obama Official Makes Outlandishly False Claim About Trump EPA

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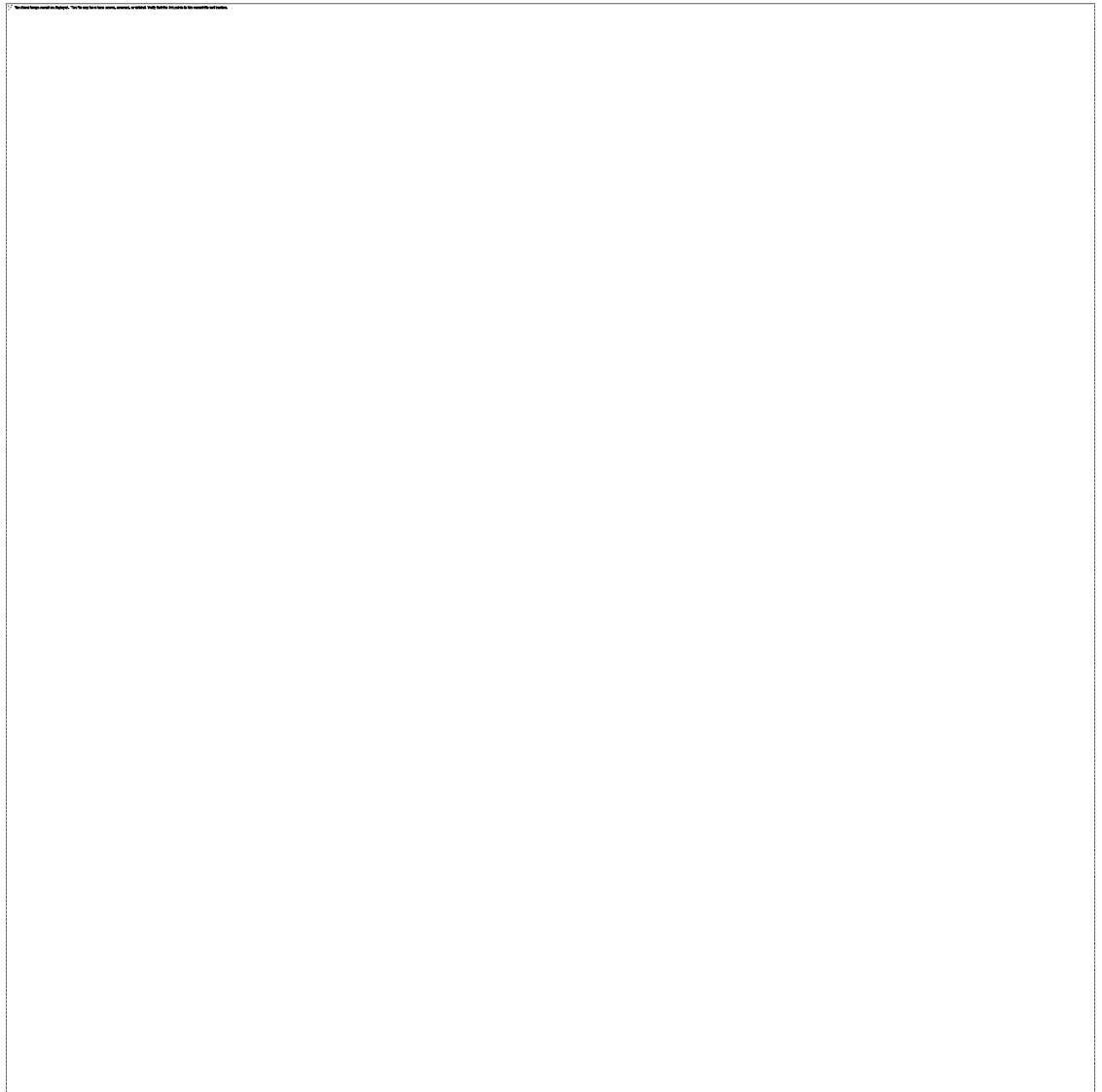
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**Date:** February 1, 2019 at 1:47:05 PM EST  
**To:** "Konkus, John" <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>  
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**From:** "EPA Press Office" <[press@epa.gov](mailto:press@epa.gov)>  
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**Reply-To:** [press@epa.gov](mailto:press@epa.gov)



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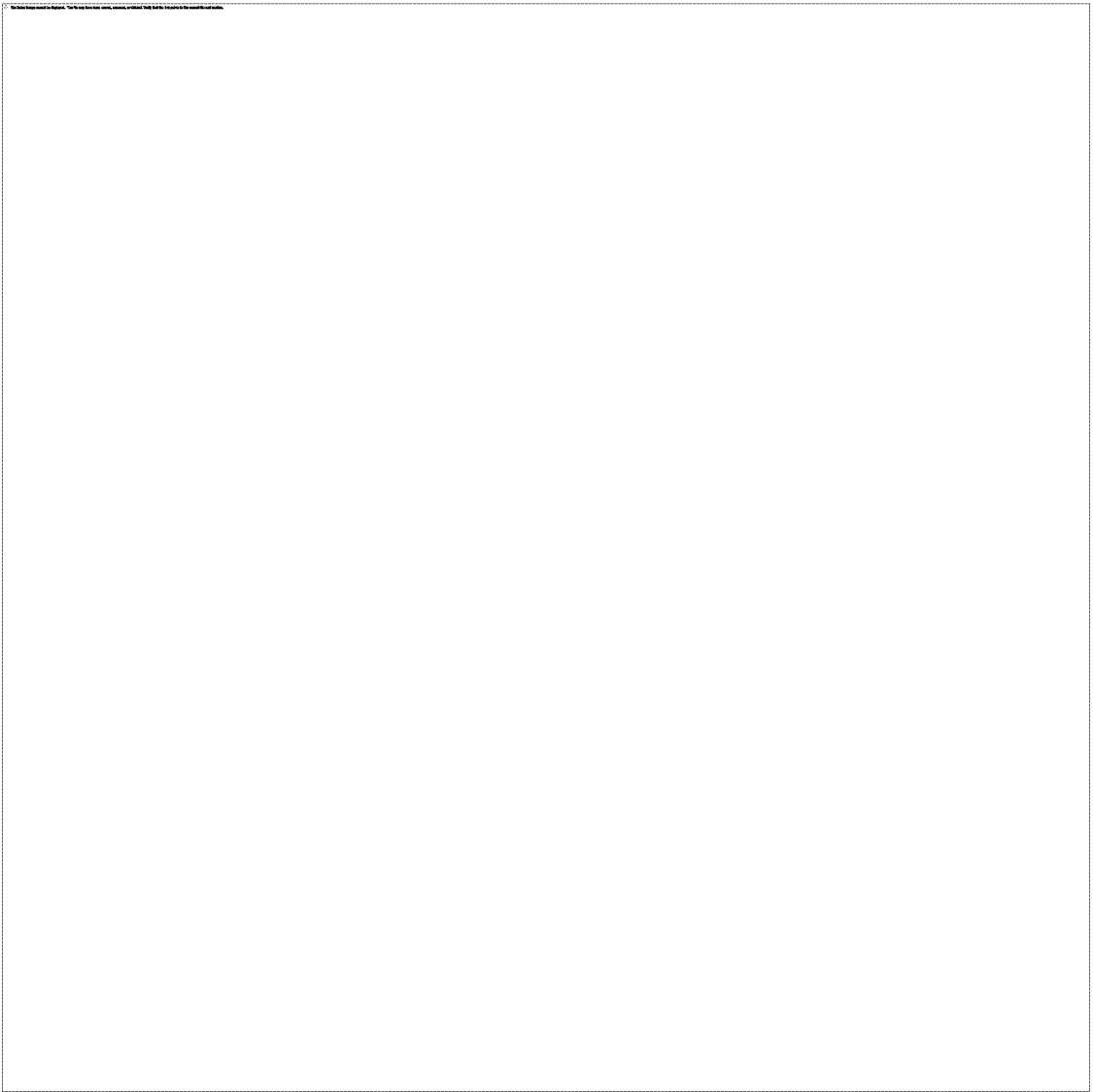
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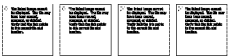
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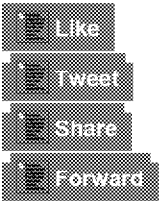


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**From:** Sharon Whitehair [whitehair.sharon@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 2/1/2019 6:45:12 PM  
**To:** Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Your campaign has been sent

## Your campaign has been sent

The campaign **Former Obama Official Makes Outlandishly False Claim About Trump EPA** has been sent to **2,130** recipients, with the subject of 'Former Obama Official Makes Outlandishly False Claim About Trump EPA'.



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**Sent:** 2/1/2019 6:39:14 PM  
**To:** Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Beach, Christopher [beach.christopher@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Former Obama Official Makes Outlandishly False Claim About Trump EPA - Preview

Good from my end

On Feb 1, 2019, at 1:33 PM, Abboud, Michael <[abboud.michael@epa.gov](mailto:abboud.michael@epa.gov)> wrote:

Sending at 1:45.

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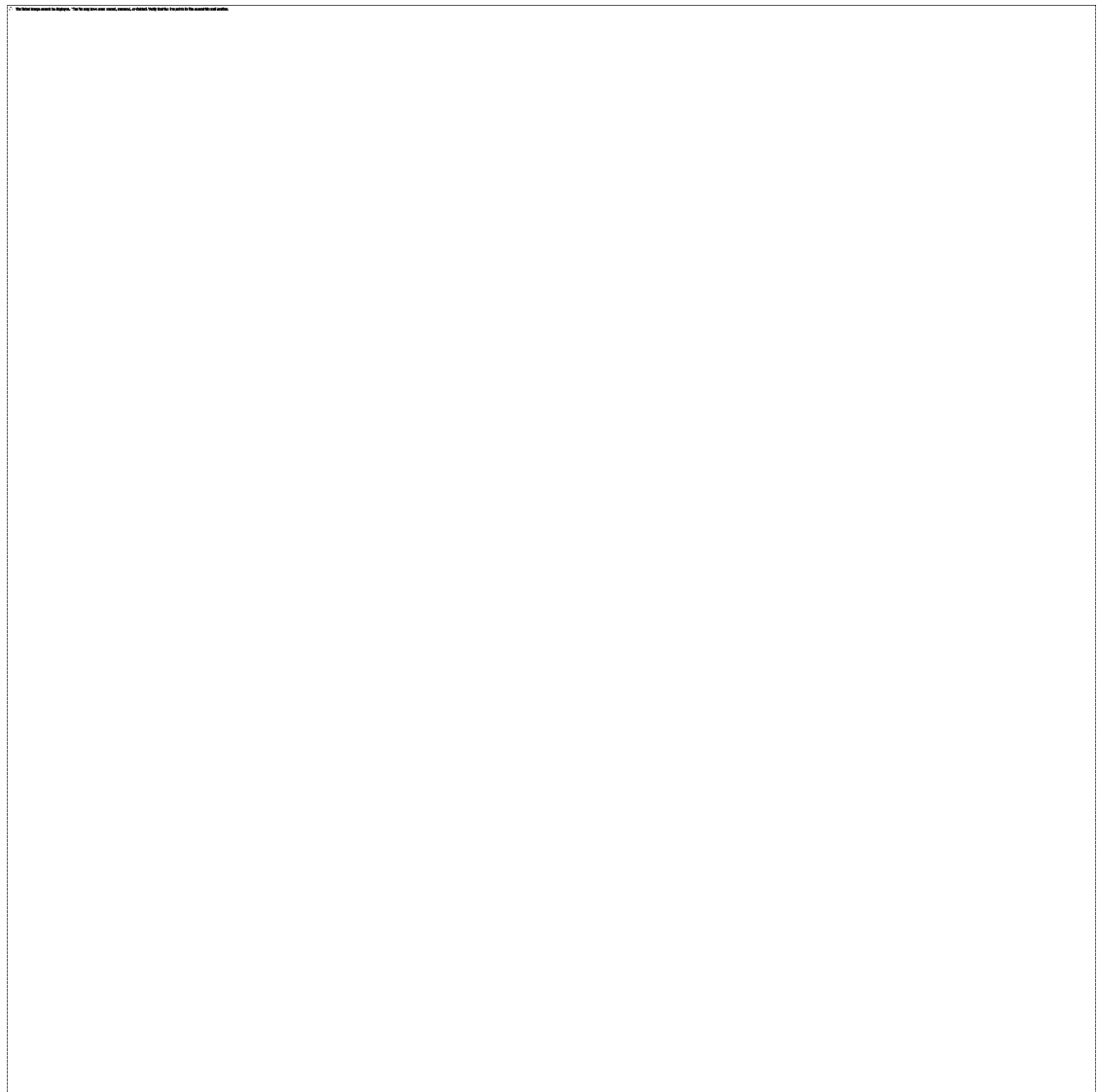
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Everything look good Clint? Any edits from other folks?

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**From:** EPA Press Office <[press=epa.gov@cmail19.com](mailto:press=epa.gov@cmail19.com)> **On Behalf Of** EPA Press Office  
**Sent:** Friday, February 1, 2019 12:55 PM  
**To:** Abboud, Michael <[abboud.michael@epa.gov](mailto:abboud.michael@epa.gov)>  
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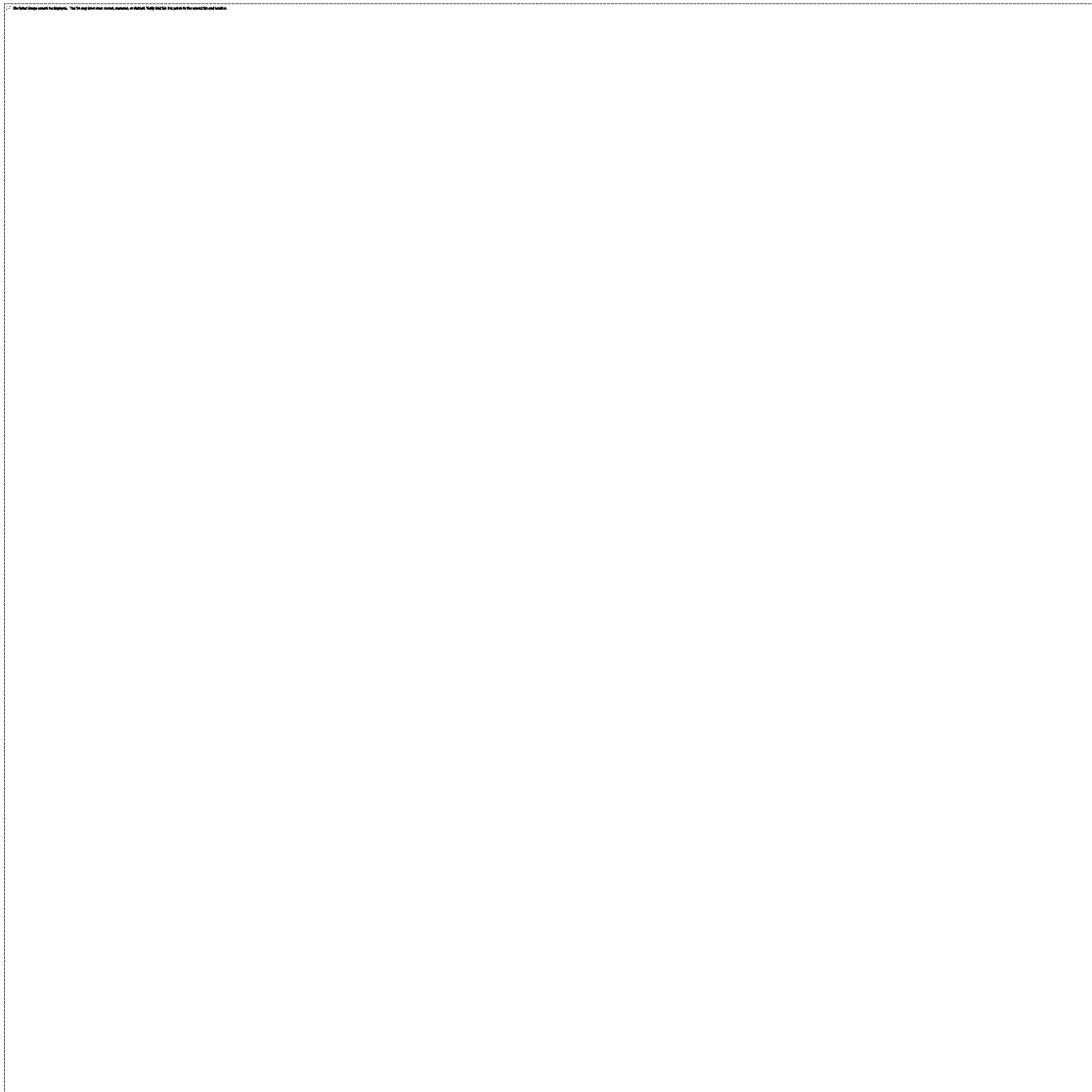
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**Sent:** 2/1/2019 6:56:52 PM  
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**Subject:** FW: Former Obama Official Makes Outlandishly False Claim About Trump EPA

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**From:** EPA Press Office <press=epa.gov@cmail20.com> **On Behalf Of** EPA Press Office  
**Sent:** Friday, February 01, 2019 1:45 PM  
**To:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Former Obama Official Makes Outlandishly False Claim About Trump EPA



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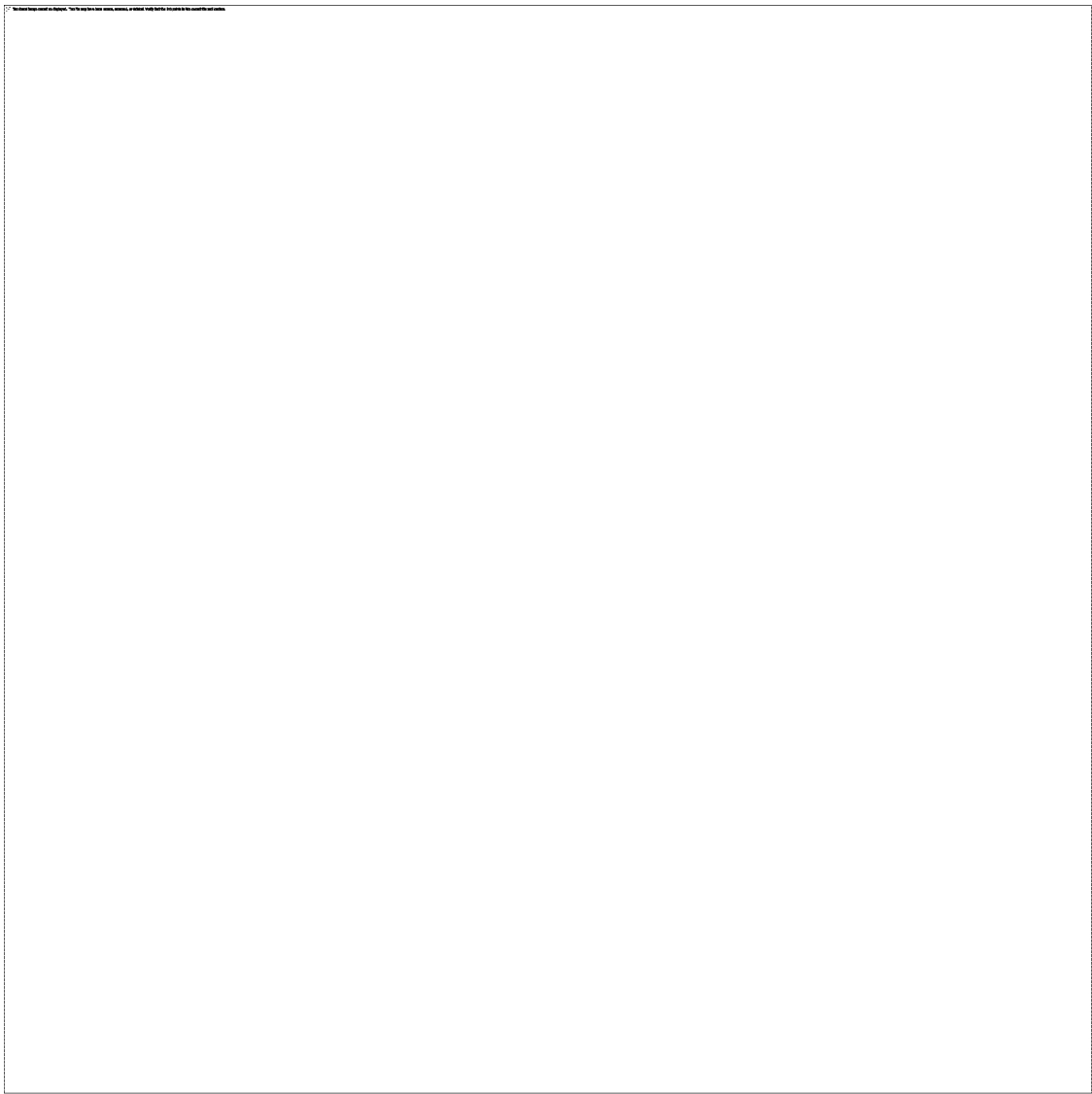
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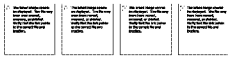
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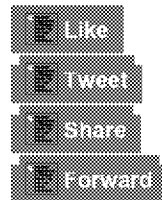
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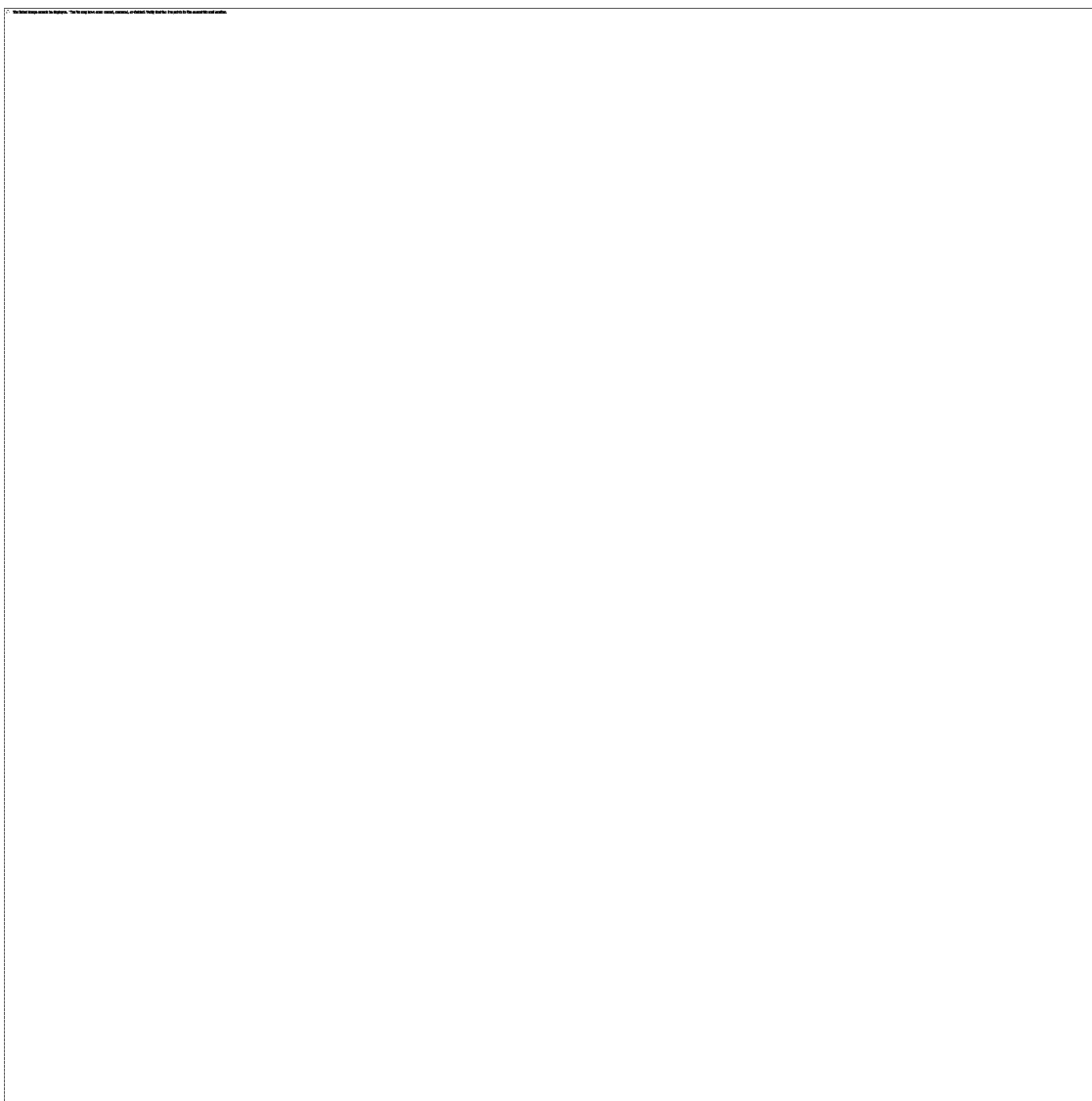
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**Subject:** Fwd: Former Obama Official Makes Outlandishly False Claim About Trump EPA

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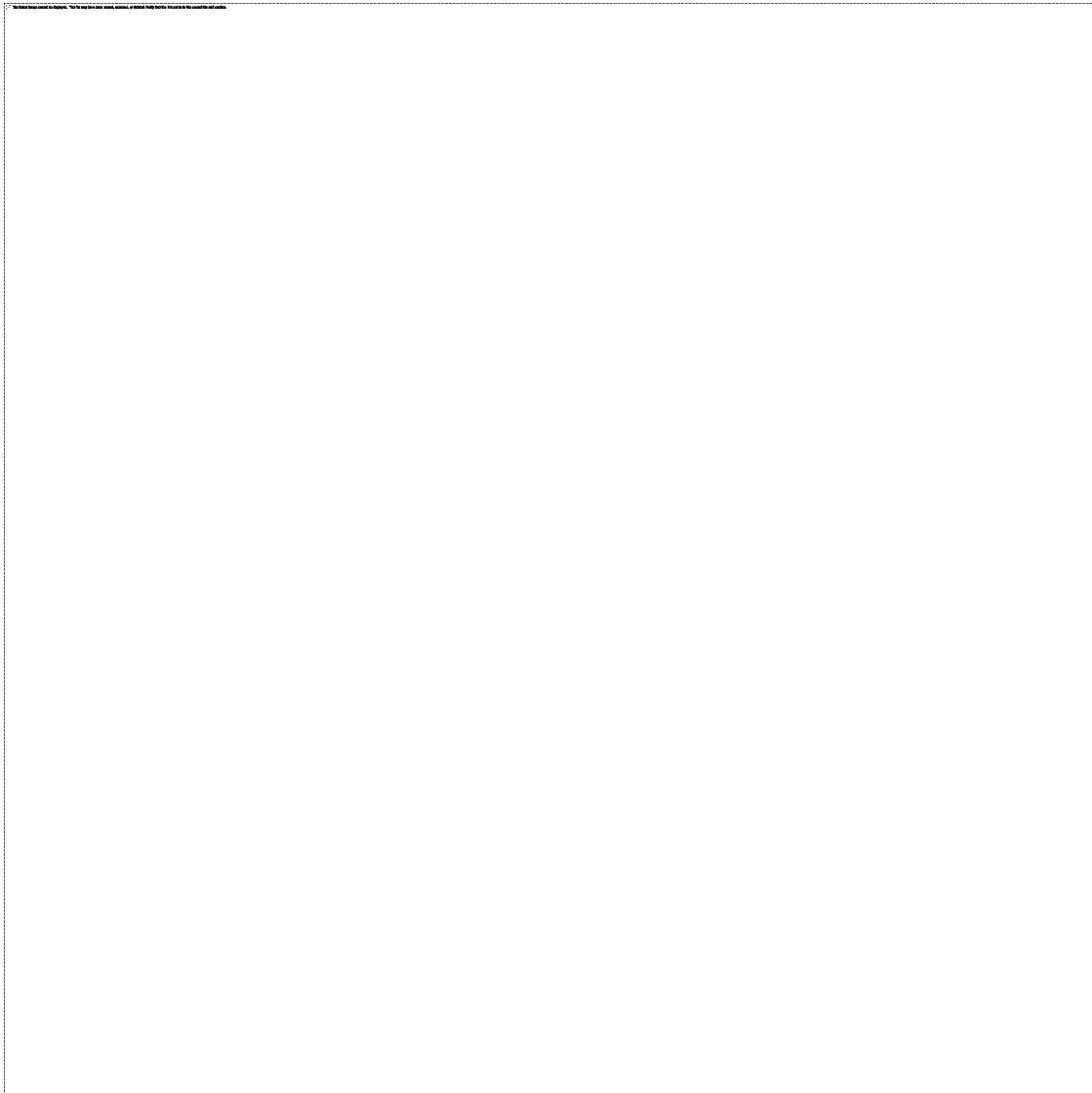
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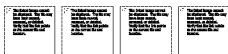
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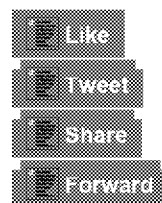


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**Sent:** 2/1/2019 7:26:37 PM  
**To:** karrah.kaplan@foxnews.com  
**BCC:** Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]; Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Molina, Michael [molina.michael@epa.gov]; **Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy**  
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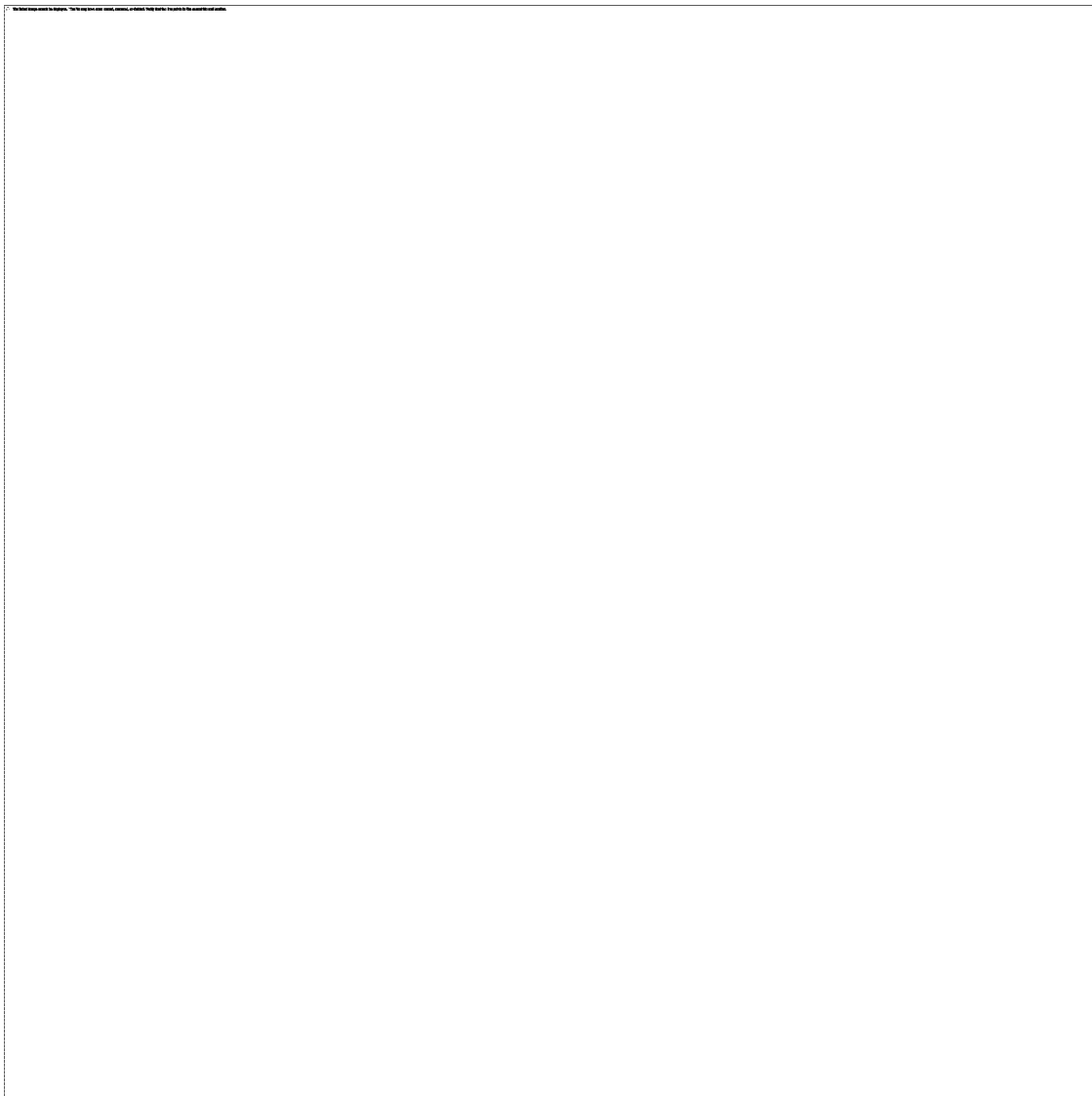
Thanks for calling me back. Want to flag the press release we sent out below. Austan Goolsbee made a false claim regarding EPA's regulations and we wanted to ensure your boss had the accurate information regarding EPA.

Hope you have a great weekend!

Michael Abboud  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Public Affairs  
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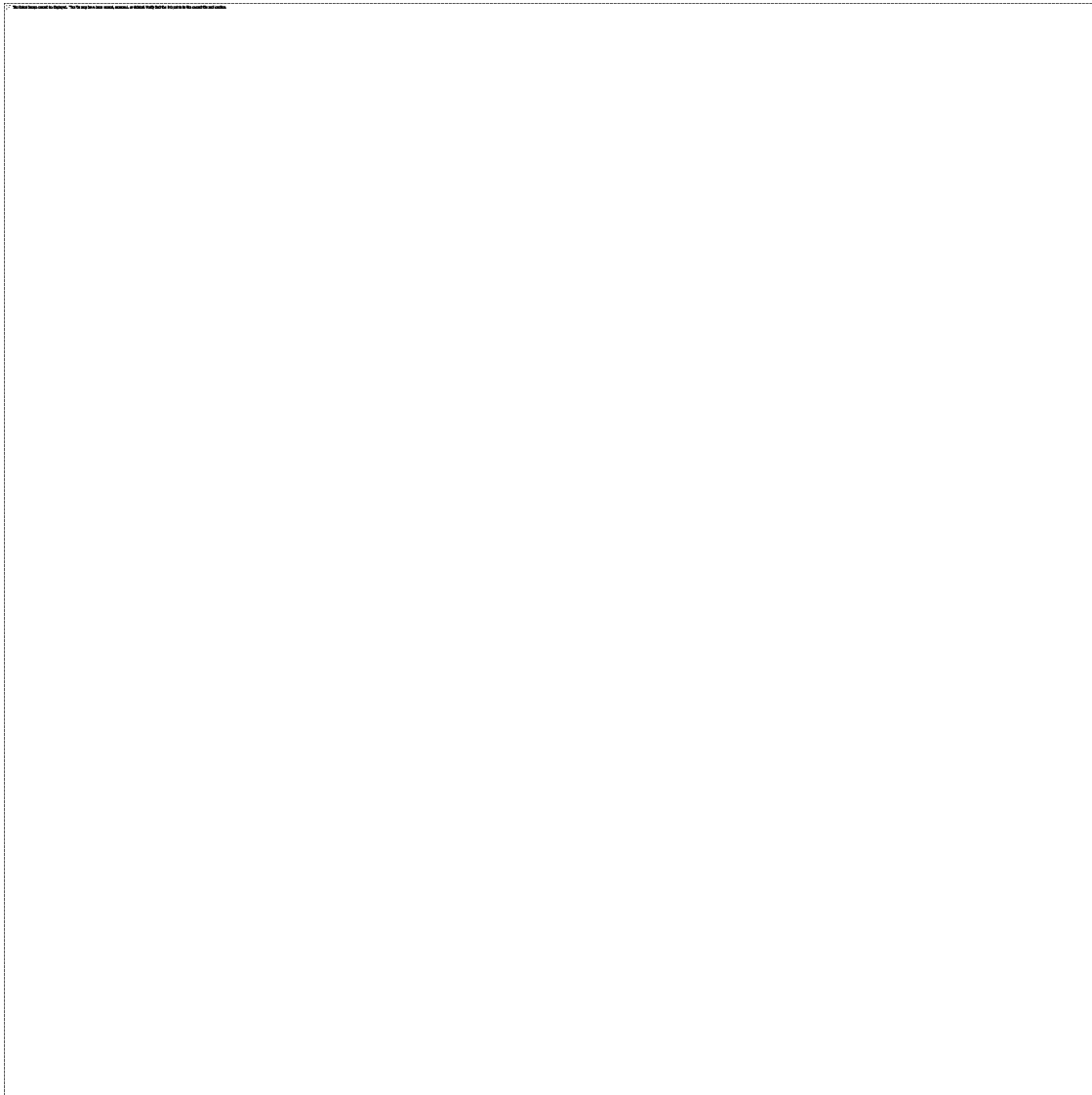
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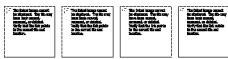
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**Sent:** 2/1/2019 4:36:40 PM  
**To:** Woods, Clint [woods.Clint@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: MATS

Thanks.

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**From:** Woods, Clint  
**Sent:** Friday, February 1, 2019 11:36 AM  
**To:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: MATS

Yep

On Feb 1, 2019, at 11:35 AM, Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov> wrote:

Alright if we cut off the last part?

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**From:** Woods, Clint  
**Sent:** Friday, February 1, 2019 11:29 AM  
**To:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** MATS

## Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

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**Sent:** 2/1/2019 6:51:29 PM  
**To:** Ex. 6 - Administrator's Email  
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Ok good thought

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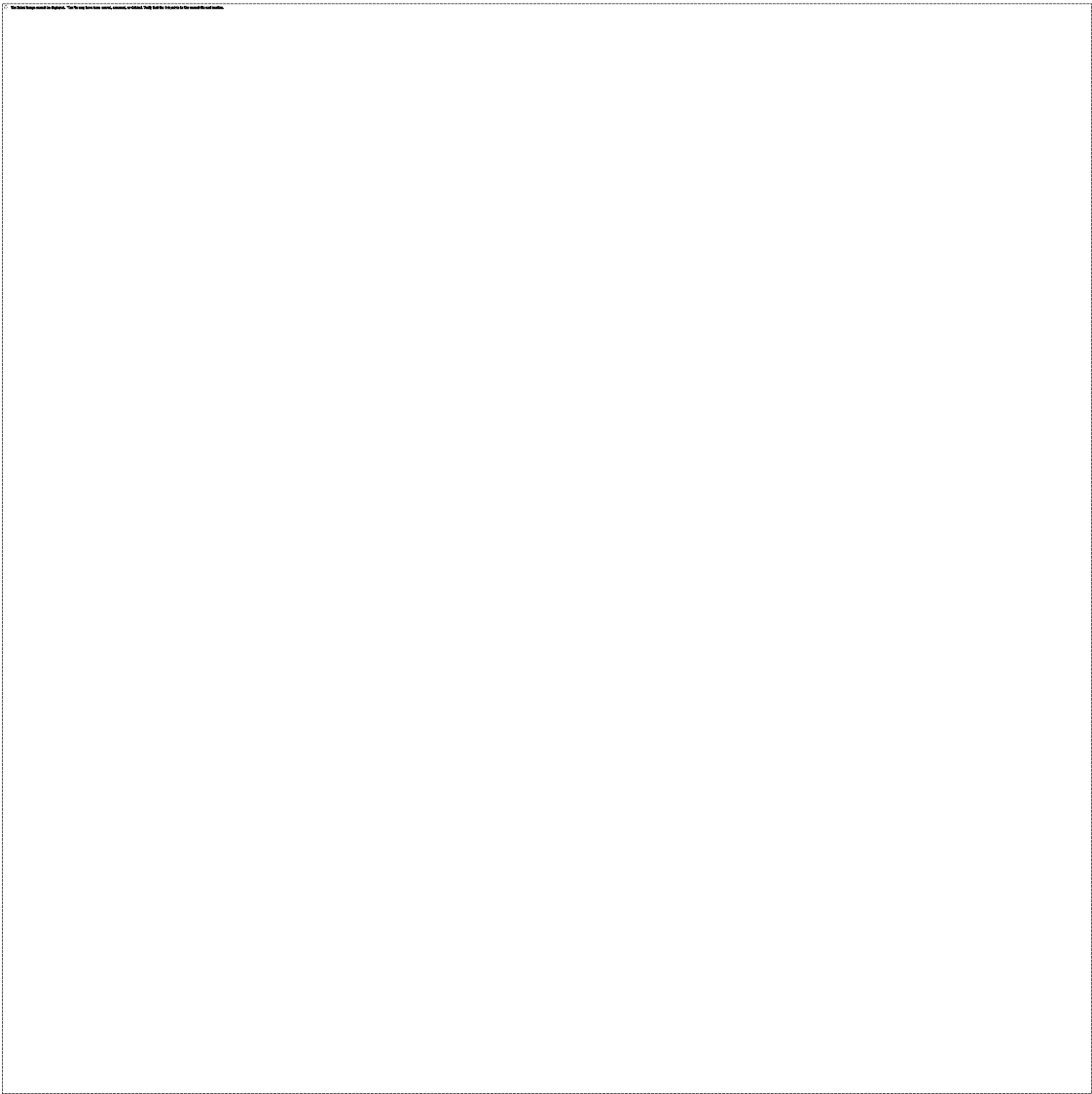
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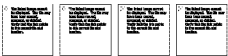
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